(d) In accordance with the guidelines/instractions issued by the Reserved Bank of India (RBI), the banks, mainly nationalized banks/institutions facilitate availability of credit/lending to MSME Sector. These guidelines/instructions, *inter-alia*, relate to definition of micro, small and medium enterprises in accordance with the provisions of the Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises Development (MSMED) Act, 2006, targets under priority sector lending, dispersal of loan applications, dispensation limit for collateral requirements, composite loan limit, rehabilitation of sick MSEs and the implementation of the Package announced by the Government for stepping up credit to MSMEs in August, 2005, which provides for (i) public sector/nationalized banks to fix their own targets for funding SMEs in order to achieve a minimum 20% year-on-year growth in credit to the MSME Sector, (ii) public sector/nationalized banks to follow a transparent rating system with cost of credit linked to the credit rating of the enterprises, (iii) commercial banks to make concerted efforts to provide cover on an average to at least 5 new micro, small and medium enterprises to each of their semi-urban/urban branches per year, (iv) adoption of cluster based approach by banks for SME financing, etc.

Decrease in employment opportunities

†2094. SHRI JAI PARKASH AGGARWAL: Will the Minister of MICRO, SMALL AND MEDIUM ENTERPRISES be pleased to state:

(a) whether employment opportunities are continuously decreasing in small scale industries;

(b) if so, the details thereof, State-wise and Union Territory-wise and the reasons therefor; and

(c) the details of the jobs provided to the unemployed youths through small scale industries in the country, State-wise and Union Territory-wise?

THE MINISTER OF MICRO, SMALL AND MEDIUM ENTERPRISES (SHRI MAHAVIR PRASAD): (a) No, Sir.

(b) In view of (a) above, does not arise.

(c) State/Union Territory-wise details of the estimated employment generated through micro and small enterprises in the country as on 31st March, 2007 is given in the the Statement enclosed.

Statement

State/UT-wise details of estimated employment in Micro and Small enterprises (both registered and unregistered) as on 31-03-2007

State/UT Code	Name of the State/ Union Territory	Employment		
		Registered	Unregistered	Total
1	2	3	4	5
01.	Jammu and Kashmir	72054	120200	192254
02.	Himachal Pradesh	62723	109627	172350

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1	2	3	4	5
03.	Punjab	361261	681734	1042995
04.	Chandigarh	12666	45078	57743
05.	Uttarakhand	80899	181839	262737
06.	Haryana	267741	372823	640564
07.	Delhi	90192	647133	737325
08.	Rajasthan	305297	792545	1097842
09.	Uttar Pradesh	1027043	4049589	5076632
10.	Bihar	196720	1122675	1319395
11.	Sikkim	1345	429	1774
12.	Arunachal Pradesh	2724	2454	5178
13.	Nagaland	30423	60609	91032
14.	Manipur	22592	140075	162667
15.	Mizoram	14780	18603	33383
16.	Tripura	13941	54206	68147
17.	Meghalaya	23566	64852	88418
18.	Assam	97639	432858	530497
19.	West Bengal	297739	2288977	2586716
20.	Jharkhand	110427	242052	352479
21.	Orissa	129613	1005278	1134891
22.	Chhattisgarh	110591	524931	635522
23.	Madhya Pradesh	377946	1302433	1680379
24.	Gujarat	777492	808182	1585675
25.	Daman and Diu	47603	3193	79559
26.	Dadra and Nagar Haveli	28763		
27.	Maharashtra	1018437	1686330	2704767
28.	Andhra Pradesh	439327	2099907	2539234
29.	Karnataka	690662	1366017	2056678
30.	Goa	24065	14195	38260
31.	Lakshadweep	469	1638	2106
32.	Kerala	727176	647516	1374692
33.	Tamil Nadu	1550808	1289723	2840532

1	2	3	4	5
34.	Pondicherry	31220	18209	49428
35.	Andaman and Nicobar	4097	5733	9831
	ALL INDIA:	9050038	22201644	31251682

Government partnership with Mittal Steel

†2095. SHRI KALRAJ MISHRA: Will the Minister of STEEL be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government propose to make a partnership with Mittal Steel regarding Chiria Mine, Chhattisgarh which has been at present leased out to SAIL;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether it is also a fact that this case is *sub-judice* at Supreme Court; and

(d) if so, how it is possible to make any partnership when the case is *sub- judice*?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF STEEL (DR. AKHILESH DAS): (a), (b) and (d) At present, there is no proposal for partnership with Mittal Steel regarding Chiria Mines in Jharkhand State. Also, Steel Authority of India Limited (SAIL) is not in a position to share Chiria Mines as the iron ore resources with SAIL are not sufficient to meet its long term requirement.

(c) Out of six leases of Chiria Mines, three leases namely Ajitaburu, Sukri-Latur, Tatiburu are *sub-judice* at Jharkhand High Court at Ranchi.

Status of agro-based industries in Maharashtra

2096. SHRI SHARAD ANANTRAO JOSHI: Will the Minister of MICRO, SMALL AND MEDIUM ENTERPRISES be pleased to state the details on existing status of agro-based industries in Maharashtra and the steps taken by Government to promote agro-based industries in the State?

THE MINISTER OF MICRO, SMALL AND MEDIUM ENTERPRISES (SHRI MAHAVIR PRASAD): Eligible entrepreneurs are assisted in setting up village industries, including agro based and food processing industries, under the Rural Employment Generation Programme (REGP) of the Government, implemented through the Khadi and Village Industries Commission (KVIC), in village and small towns with population upto 20,000. Under this programme, entrepreneurs can establish village industries by availing the margin money assistance from KVIC and loans from public sector scheduled commercial banks, selected regional rural banks, cooperative banks, etc., for projects with a maximum cost of Rs. 25 lakh. Considering the importance of agro and food based projects, 40 per cent target under REGP is earmarked/allocated to this group of industry. 6920 village industry units under the 'agro based and food processing industries' group of the village industries under REGP have been set up in Maharashtra since the inception of the scheme with effect trom 1st April, 1995 with margin money assistance of Rs. 2449.76 lakh and estimated generation of additional employment opportunities

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